New Jersey Maritime Resources

The Use of Sediment
Decontamination Technologies for the
Management of Navigational
Dredged Materials

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- 15 Million People
- Largest Port on EastCoast
- Largest PetroleumPort
- Naturally Shallow, 250 miles of engineered waterways
- 4-7 mcy/year dredging
- Oldest IndustrializedWatershed
- 2-4 mcy/yearcontaminatedsediment



Regional Dredged Materials Management Plan (DMMP)

- Reduce Need to Dredge
- Reduce Contamination
- Beneficially use as much as possible
- Dispose of only what cannot be used



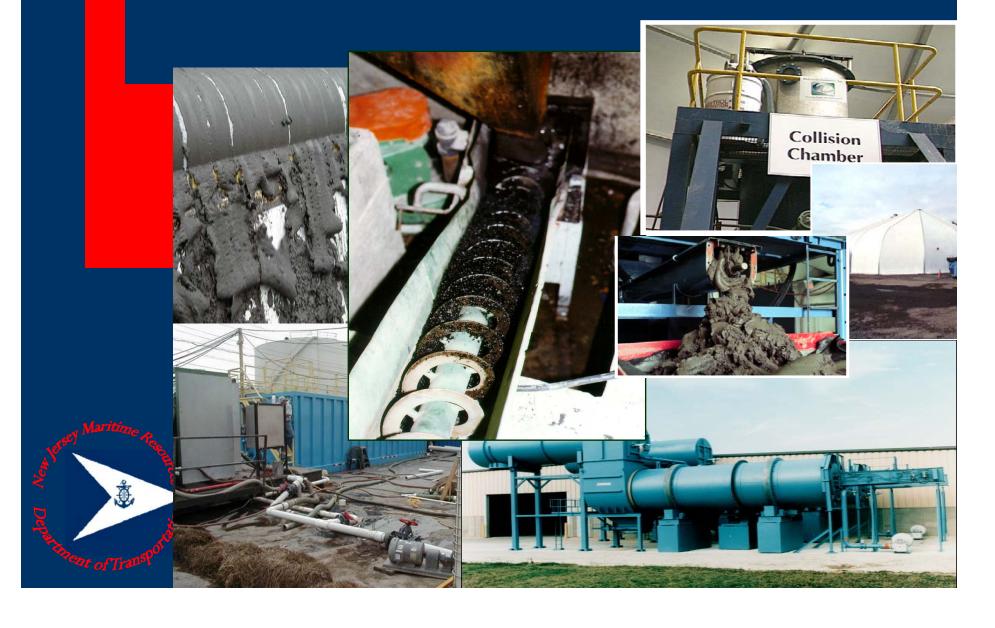
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Options

- Construction Aggregate/BeachReplenishment
- Fill Material
- Capping Material
- Remediation Material (HARS)
- Economics (\$5/cyd \$47/cyd)
- Health and Safety
- Capacity and Throughput



Sediment Decontamination



Decontamination Program Goals

- Decontamination vs. stabilization
- Cost competitive with alternatives (\$29/cy)
- Match dredging throughput (5,000 cy/day)
- Moderate to high capacity (500K cy/yr)
- Produces value-added product
- Unlimited capacity as needed



Sediment Decontamination Program for the NY/NJ Harbor

- EPA/WRDA Bench Scale Testing
- Port Authority Matrix
- WRDA Pilot Program
- OMR Pilot Program
- \$40 million in Federal and State resources, combined with private investment



Decontamination Technologies

- NUI Environmental~Chemical
 Oxidation; Manufactured Soil
- BEM Systems~Georemediation®;
 Manufactured Soil
- ENDESCO Clean Harbors~Rotary Kiln; Blended Cement
- JCI/Upcycle~Rotary Kiln; Lightweight Aggregate
- BGW~Biogenesis® Sediment Washing;
 Manufactured Soil



NUI Environmental Group

- 800 gallon pilot
- Chemical oxidation with KMnO₄ and super-ionized water
- Erie Street site, Elizabeth, NJ
- Production of base for manufactured soil product
- Pilot completed, report in review



BEM Systems, Inc.

- 600 gallon pilot
- Georemediation (oxidation and enhanced mineralization)
- Rutgers Civil Engineering Dept.
- Production of manufactured soil product
- Pilot completed, report in preparation





ENDESCO/Clean Harbors

- Can handle very contaminated materials
- Kiln, not incinerator (2500° F)
- Must meet strict emission requirements
- Produces "Ecomelt" for blended cement
- 300 ton pilot about to be initiated
- De-watered material from Upcycle pilot
- IMTT site in Bayonne, NJ

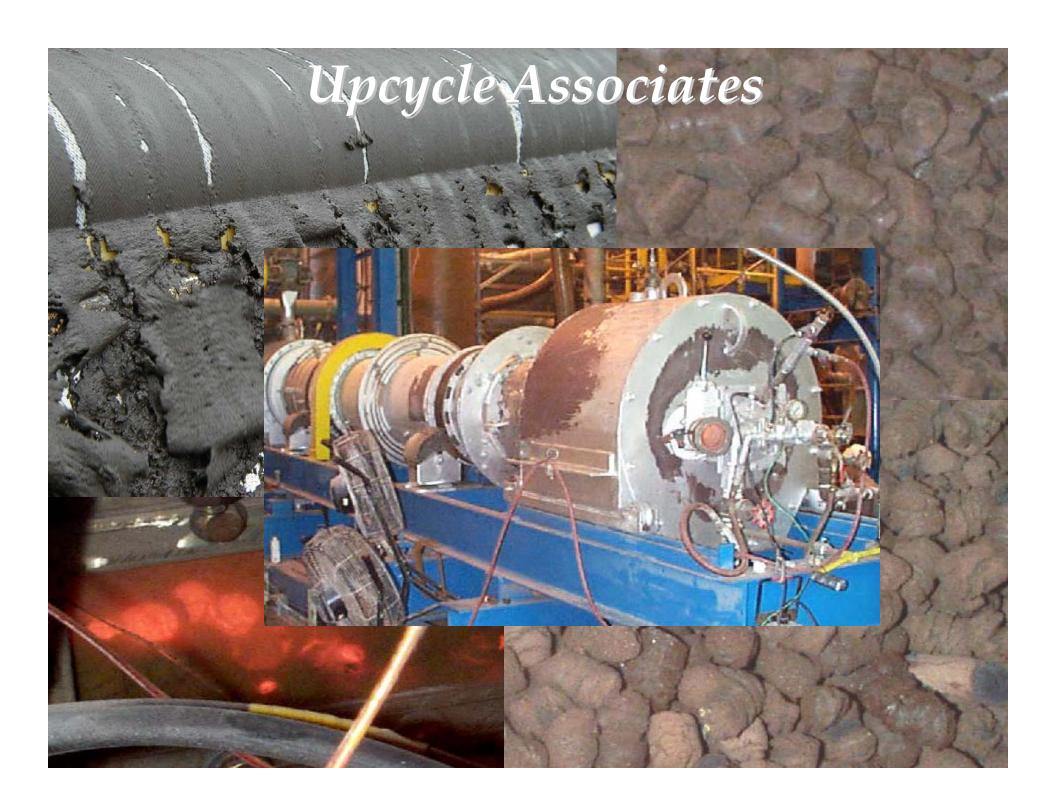




Upcycle Associates, LLC

- Two-part pilot
 - Belt press dewatering at Stratus (500cy)
 - Fuller Test Kiln in Bethlehem, PA(4cy)
- Produced lightweight aggregate for construction
- Meets all regulatory and engineering criteria





BioGenesis/Montgomery Watson

- Production of manufactured soil products
- Winter/Spring 1999 successful pilot
- BASF site in Kearny, NJ
- 250,000 cyd/yr plant
- 20,000 cyd demonstration
- 55,000 cyd full scale









BioGenesis Site Plan

Success Criteria

- Produce product that meets environmental criteria for intended use
- Cost competitive
- Ability to process or store up to 5,000 cyd/day to support current dredging operations
- Annual plant capacity of 500,000 cyd/yr



Public Outreach

- Not where we work, play or pray
- WRDA/Rutgers Educational Outreach
- Public Comment on Acceptable
 Use Determinations
- Public Comment through NEPA process
- Case-by-case outreach as needed



Looking to the Future: Environmental Dredging

- "Hot" Channels (Passaic River and Gowanus Canal)
- Off channel hot spots (outfalls and depositional areas)
- Mass Removal
- Economic Restoration
- Environmental Restoration



